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TO MY MOTHER.

Will Fate, we sometimes ask, turn kind,
And let a promised tribute find
Its laggard way to these same feet,
The same too-kindly eyes to greet?
If so then well, if not still take
This story, less for its own sake
Than for its giver's; words to you
Gilding much dross; remembering, too,
That books, like lives, are often things
'Scaped from the husk on nerveless wings,
Not launched on vigour's breezy dance,
Gay lords of Fate and Circumstance,
But playthings of the sun and wind,
Of hazards rough, and hazards kind,
And grown with little conscious plan
Less as they would than as they can.

E. L.

November, 1887.

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